

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (currently amended) A method of protecting a technical material comprising applying to the technical material a composition ~~comprising~~: consisting essentially of

- (a) from about 10^{-6} to 30 parts by weight of 1-(6-chloro-3-pyridylmethyl)-2-nitroimino-imidazolidine; and
- (b) from about 0.01 to about 90 parts by weight of $\pm\alpha$ [2-(4-chlorophenyl ethyl]- α -(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (previously presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein the technical material is selected from the group consisting of wood, composite wood materials, paper, leather, leather products, synthetic polymers, natural polymers, textiles, and combinations thereof.

Claim 10 (previously presented) The method of Claim 9, wherein the technical material is wood or a composite wood material.

Claims 11-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (currently amended) A method of protecting a wood product selected from the group consisting of wood and wood composites against attack by insects comprising applying directly thereto a composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of an amount sufficient to effect protection thereof of 1-(6-chloro-3-pyridylmethyl)-2-nitroimino-imidazolidine and from 0.01 to 90 parts by weight of $\pm\alpha$ [2-(4-chlorophenyl ethyl]- α -(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol, wherein the composition is applied in by at least one of soaking said wood product in or with said compound composition, impregnating said wood product with said compound composition,

brushing said ~~compound~~ composition onto said wood product, spraying said ~~compound~~ composition onto said wood product, and dipping said wood product in said ~~compound~~ composition.

Claims 15-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (previously presented) The method of Claims 7 or 14, wherein the composition comprises from about 0.0005 to 15 parts by weight of the 1-(6-chloro-3-pyridylmethyl)-2-nitroimino-imidazolidine and from about 0.05 to about 50 parts by weight of the $\pm\alpha$ [2-(4-chlorophenyl ethyl]- α -(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol.

Claim 20 (previously presented) The method of Claims 7 or 14, wherein the composition comprises from about 0.005 to 2 parts by weight of the 1-(6-chloro-3-pyridylmethyl)-2-nitroimino-imidazolidine and from about 0.1 to about 30 parts by weight of the $\pm\alpha$ [2-(4-chlorophenyl ethyl]- α -(1,1-dimethylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol.

Claim 21 (previously presented) The method of Claim 7, wherein the technical material is a wood product.

Claims 22-30 (canceled)